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IN RE : Douglas LeCrone and Paul A. Linstead  
SERIAL NO. : 09/966,639  
FILED : September 28, 2001  
FOR : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENHANCING ACCESS TO  
REDUNDANT DATA STORAGE FACILITIES

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Response to Notice To File Missing Parts of Application

In response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted form mailed October 24, 2001 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicant submits the following documents:

1. A copy of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted;
2. A Declaration signed by Douglas LeCrone and Paul A. Linstead; and

3. Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 (9 sheets)

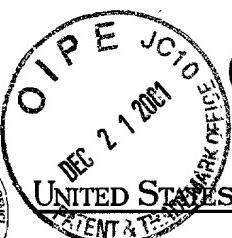
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Applicant believes that the attached Declaration satisfies the requirements for providing a signature to an Oath or Declaration. The Declaration is signed by the named inventors, Douglas LeCrone and Paul A. Linstead and complies with 37 C.F.R. 1.63.

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

## FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:

- drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

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